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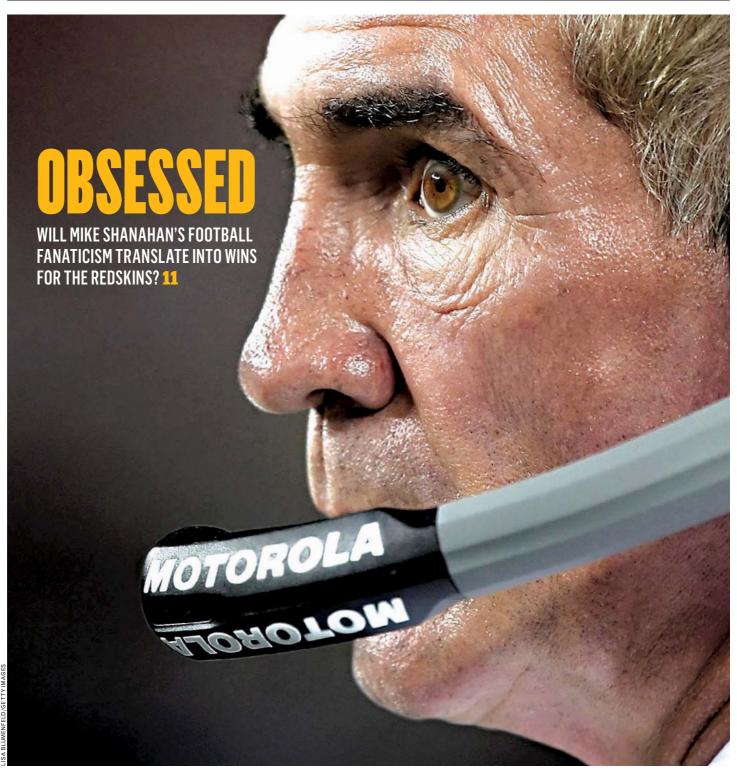
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This Is Why You Get a 401K

A Romanian family who hid \$57,768 in a pair of old shoes, then threw them away by mistake, has recovered some of its savings. A man from Alba Iulia hid the savings in the shoes without telling his wife, who cleaned house before Christmas and threw the shoes away. The couple informed police, who discovered that a woman had found the shoes — and bought a house. The family recovered about \$18,000 from the woman and about \$27,000 from the sellers. (AP)

"Our first reaction was, we don't want to eat it."



— **JIM GROSS**, OF MARION, IOWA. HE IS AUCTIONING OFF A POTATO WITH A CROSS INSIDE IT FOR A STARTING PRICE OF \$2. A SIMILAR POTATO'S STARTING PRICE IS \$1,000.

'Miss, ALL of Our Burgers Are Thin and Overcooked'

Police in Kansas City, Mo., are looking for a woman who went on a rampage at a McDonald's because she didn't like her hamburger. Police say the woman caused thousands of dollars in damage on Dec. 27 when the restaurant wouldn't refund her money. Police released a video (available on YouTube) showing the woman throwing a sign and a bucket of water over the counter and pushing a glass display case and three cash registers onto the floor. She then cursed and fled. (AP)



HORSES GRAZE in Suffolk, England, despite heavy snow across the nation on Wednesday. Unusually heavy snowfall has cut roads, disrupted train services, shut airports and closed schools. Britain's weather office said the country is experiencing its longest cold snap since 1981. (AP)



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Suspect in Jet Attack Is Indicted

Detroit

A Nigerian man accused of trying to blow up a Detroit-bound Northwest Airlines flight on Christmas Day was indicted Wednesday on charges including attempted mur-



Abdulmutallab

der and trying to use a weapon of mass destruction to kill nearly 300 people.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 23, was traveling from Amsterdam

when he tried to destroy the plane carrying by injecting chemicals into a package of pentrite explosive concealed in his underwear. authorities say. The failed attack caused popping sounds and flames that passengers and crew rushed to extinguish.

The bomb was designed to detonate "at a time of his choosing," the grand jury's indictment said.

Abdulmutallab faces up to life in prison if convicted of attempting to use a bomb on the plane. He will make his first appearance in federal court on Friday for an arraignment and a hearing to determine if he stays in custody. ED WHITE (AP)

An Emotional Dodd Steps Aside

Powerful lawmaker leaving Senate after 35 years in office

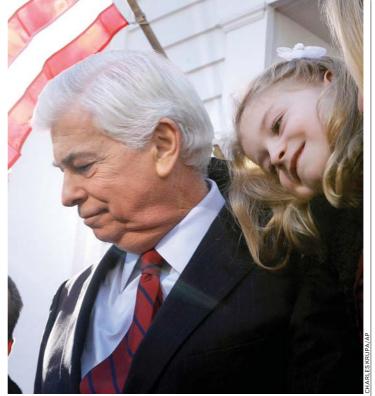
Washington

Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., formally announced Wednesday that he will not seek re-election to the Senate this year, saying that "none of us is irreplaceable" and that it was time to "step aside."

In a brief speech outside his home in East Haddam, Conn., Dodd said that after representing the people of his state in Congress for 35 years, "I will not be a candidate for reelection this November."

Although he said he loves his job as senator, the past year has "raised challenges that insisted I take stock of my life." He cited the strain of managing four major pieces of legislation, serving as chairman or acting chairman of two major Senate committees, losing his sister and one of his closest Senate colleagues - Edward M. Kennedy - and battling cancer.

"And in the midst of all this, I found myself in the toughest politi-



Christina Dodd rests her head on the shoulders of her father. Sen. Christopher Dodd, after he announced Wednesday that he won't seek re-election to the Senate.

cal shape of my career," Dodd said, acknowledging polls that showed

reelection campaign.

Word of Dodd's plans leaked on Tuesday after Sen. Byron L. Dorgan, D-N.D., announced he would not seek reelection.

Republicans, for their part, reveled in the retirement of Dodd and other Democrats.

"I'm very proud of the job I've done. ... But none of us is irreplaceable."

- SEN. CHRISTOPER DODD, ANNOUNC-ING HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SENATE AT HIS HOME WEDNESDAY.

In addition to Dodd and Dorgan, Republican National Committee Chairman Michael S. Steele noted in a statement Wednesday afternoon, Michigan Lt. Gov. John Cherry, Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter and four House Democrats have decided not to run again this year.

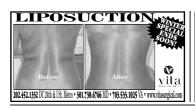
"These should serve as a major wakeup call to Democrat leadership that members of their own caucus don't want to be held accountable to the voters they have ignored for the past year," Steele said. CHRIS CILLIZZA AND WILLIAM BRANIGIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

he would have faced a difficult

A persistent actic chill tightened its grip on the nation Wednesday and reached deep into the South, where it was blamed for at least five deaths and threatened to freeze crops and

bring snow to places more accustomed to winter sunshine. It was so cold in central and south Florida, freezing iguanas were seen falling from trees. Authorities said four people in Tennessee and one in Mississippi have died from the cold since the weekend. (AP)







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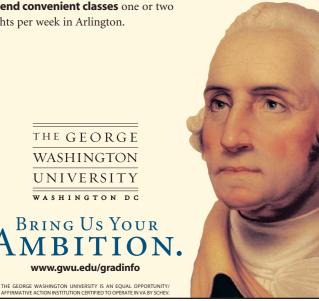
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Nation

IRS Phone Help Faulted

Agency: 3 of 10 calls to toll-free line won't reach representative

Washington

Need help with your taxes? Good luck reaching the IRS. Three out of 10 people who call the toll-free help line this tax season won't get through to a human being — and that's if the agency meets its goals for service.

Callers lucky enough to get through will have to wait on hold an average of nearly 12 minutes, a level of service deemed unacceptable in a report by National Taxpay-

The number of calls the IRS received on its toll-free help line in 2009. A large portion of the calls were about new tax breaks passed by Congress.

er Advocate Nina E. Olson.

Such poor service "will cause problems for taxpayers and the IRS alike, as some taxpayers give up and don't bother to file or they make avoidable errors that the IRS then must devote resources toward resolving," said Olson, an independent watchdog within the IRS.

Olson issues a report each year to Congress highlighting the most

serious problems encountered by taxpayers in their dealings with the IRS. This year, poor phone service topped the list.

The IRS said it has been inundated with an unprecedented number of calls the past two years from taxpayers with questions about temporary tax breaks passed by Congress to help revive the economy.

To help, the agency has upgraded its Web site, posting answers to frequent questions.

The agency's goal is to connect 71 percent of callers to a real person in 2010, down from a recent high of 87 percent in 2004. STEPHEN OHLEMACHER (AP)

Immersed in Faith



DMITRI KALOGIANNIS, 16, clutches a white Epiphany cross he retrieved from Spring Bayou Wednesday in Tarpon Springs, Fla. Members of the Greek Orthodox community celebrated Epiphany, a holy day, by tossing the cross in the water and letting teenage boys dive after it. According to custom, the retriever of the cross receives a blessing all year long.

Hearsay



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World



A Japanese whaling ship strikes the Ady Gil in Antarctica waters Wednesday.

Group Says Whalers Hit Its Vessel Deliberately

Sydney

A conservation group's boat had its bow sheared off and was taking on water Wednesday after it was struck by a Japanese whaling ship in the frigid waters off Antarctica, the group said.

The boat's six crew members were safely transferred to another of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society's vessels, the newly commissioned Bob Barker—named for the American game show host who donated \$5 million to buy it.

The clash was the most serious in the past several years, during which the Sea Shepherd has sent vessels into far-southern waters to try to harass the Japanese fleet into ceasing its annual whale hunt.

Clashes using hand-thrown stink bombs, ropes meant to tangle propellers and high-tech sound equipment have been common in recent years, and crashes between ships have sometimes occurred.

The society accused the Japanese ship of deliberately ramming its vessel, the Ady Gil. "There's no question they steered directly at us," Pete Bethune, The Ady Gil's skipper, told New Zealand's National Radio. ROHAN SULLIVAN (AP)

Yemen Opposes Foreign Troops

FM says U.S. should stay out of the fight against al-Qaeda

Sanaa, Yemen

Yemen's foreign minister said Wednesday that his country opposes any direct intervention by U.S. or other foreign troops in the fight against al-Qaeda.

Foreign Minister Abu Bakr al-Qirbi told The Associated Press in an interview that "there is a lot of sensitivity about foreign troops coming to Yemeni territory."

But Al-Qirbi added that Yemen's government would welcome more military trainers, "but not in any other capacity."

His comments came as Yemeni security forces launched a manhunt for the suspected leader of an al-Qaeda cell believed to be behind a threatened attack that forced the closure this week of the U.S. and British embassies in Sanaa.

Security forces swept into several areas where the militant, Mohammed Ahmed al-Hanaq, was believed to be hiding in the "I'm sure that their experiences in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan will be very useful to learn from — that direct intervention complicates things."

— ABU BAKR AL-QIRBI, YEMEN'S FOR-EIGN MINISTER IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE APUNT DOLOR SIT LORTISI. MET DUISCILLAOR SI BLAM VER SISIT mountainous region of Arhab, northeast of the capital, but have not located him, security officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Officials negotiating with tribal sheiks in Arhab are demanding that they surrender al-Hanaq and another al-Qaeda suspect related to him, Nazeeh al-Hanaq, tribal leaders told AP, also speaking on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. says the Arhab cell was behind a plot to send al-Qaida fighters into San'a to carry out attacks, possibly against foreign embassies. LEE KEATH (AP)

Egyptian Soldier Killed in Clash With Hamas



PALESTINIAN DEMONSTRATORS CARRY A WOUNDED comrade during clashes with Egyptian troops in the divided border town of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip. An Egyptian soldier was killed when the sides opened fire, underscoring the tension over Egypt's decision to build an underground steel wall that would seal Gaza's southern border.

Suspected U.S. Drone Strikes Kill 13 in Pakistan

Islamabad

Two suspected U.S. drone missile strikes killed at least 13 people Wednesday in an area of Pakistan's volatile northwest teeming with militants suspected in a recent suicide attack that killed seven CIA employees in Afghanistan, intelligence officials said.

The lawless North Waziristan tribal area hit Wednesday is home to several militant groups that stage cross-border attacks against coalition troops, including the al-Qaeda-linked Haqqani network. Counting the latest strikes, suspected U.S. drones have attacked North Waziristan five times since the CIA bombing a week ago, kill-

ing at least 20 people.

The Obama administration has pressed Pakistan to crack down on the Haqqani network, but Islamabad has resisted, saying it has its hands full battling local Taliban militants waging war against the state. In response, Washington has stepped up drone strikes near the Afghan border. (AP)

In Brief

TEHRAN, IRAN

Ex-Prosecutor Blamed For Prisoners' Deaths

A parliamentary probe has found a former Tehran prosecutor responsible for the death by torture of at least three anti-government protesters detained in the turmoil following the disputed June elections, a conservative Iranian Web site reported Wednesday. Saeed Mortazavi was the Tehran city prosecutor who was responsible for monitoring Kahrizak prison. (AP)

KABUL

Four Children Die in Blast

An explosion tore through a group of children gathered around foreign soldiers visiting a U.S.-funded road project Wednesday, killing four kids and a policeman and wounding scores, including at least three American troops, officials said. (AP)

OTTAWA

Canada to Lend 5M Flu Vaccine Doses to Mexico

Canada is lending Mexico 5 million doses of the swine flu vaccine. Federal Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq said Wednesday that Mexico requested the doses to help bridge that country's immediate pandemic vaccine requirements. (AP)

World

Irish Angered Over 'Silly' Airport Test

Bratislava, Slovakia

A failed airport security test ended up with a Slovak man unwittingly carrying hidden explosives in his luggage on a flight to Dublin, Slovak officials admitted Wednesday — a mistake that enraged Irish authorities and shocked aviation experts worldwide.

While the Slovaks blamed the incident on "a silly and unprofessional mistake," Irish officials and security experts said it was foolish for the Slovaks to hide bomb parts in the luggage of innocent passengers under any circumstances.

The passenger, 49-year-old electrician Stefan Gonda, was detained by Irish police for several hours before being let go without charge Tuesday.

The Irish were also angry that it took the Slovaks three days to tell them about the Saturday mistake and that the pilot of the airplane decided to fly to Dublin anyway even after being told that an explosive was in his aircraft's checked luggage.

The incident was bound to heighten flying jitters in the wake of the Christmas near-disaster near Detroit. (AP)

Chilly Dog



ODI, A 6-YEAR-OLD CHIHUAHUA, is dressed for the cold by his owner in Beijing Wednesday. A Siberian cold front has left much of China frigid.

Double Atomic Bomb Survivor Dies at Age 93

Tokvo

Tsutomu Yamaguchi, the only person officially recognized as a survivor of both the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings at the end of World War II, has died at age 93.

Yamaguchi was in Hiroshima on a business trip on Aug. 6, 1945, when a U.S. B-29 dropped an atomic bomb on the city. He suffered serious burns to his upper body. He then returned to his hometown of Nagasaki, which suffered a second U.S. atomic bomb attack three days later. (AP)



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Local

A Close Call for Metro Inspectors

Report: Full-speed train nearly struck officials last month

Washington

A team of independent safety inspectors was nearly hit last month by a Metro train that appeared to be traveling at full speed and made no attempt to slow, as required by agency rules.

A report released late Wednesday by the body that oversees Metro says the inspectors "experienced a near-miss situation" and that they "were forced to scramble out of the way to avoid being struck."



Tri-State Oversight Committee monitors investigate Metro's safety protocols.

No one was injured in the incident, according to the report by the Tri-State Oversight Committee.

The team was working to see whether track worker protections were being followed and whether trains were slowing and stopping as required when they approached people on the tracks.

The Dec. 10 incident happened just days after Metro lifted a six month ban and allowed safety inspectors to once again have access to operating subway tracks.

The inspectors said train operators failed to respond to hand signals from track personnel and that Metro's control center failed to give operators adequate warning about where workers were stationed on the tracks. In addition, the report said inspectors detected antagonism between track workers and train operators. Joe STEPHENS AND LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Jan. 6

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	2-2-0
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	3-4-6
Mid-day DC 4	5-4-1-1
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	7-7-6-2
Mid-day D.C. Five	2-6-3-9-4
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.)	8-2-8-1-2
Daily 6 (Mon.)	26-30-37 (20)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	2-8-7
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	8-7-3
Mid-day Pick 4	6-0-8-7
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	0-8-9-3
Match 5 (Mon.)	3-7-14-31-34 (21)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	5-9-6
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	1-5-3
Mid-day Pick 4	8-4-0-4
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	3-7-3-7
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Accused Museum Shooter Dies

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The 89-year-old man accused in last June's fatal shooting at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum died Wednesday, according to his defense attorney and pris-

James W. von Brunn, a white supremacist, died of undeter-



Von Brunn

mined causes while in custodv of U.S. authorities in North Carolina, where he was undergoing psychological tests at a federal prison, his

attorney said.

His lawyer, the District's federal public defender A.J. Kramer, said he did not know the cause of death or the circumstances.

Von Brunn was wounded by



Police investigate bullet holes at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum last June

a museum security guard after he opened fire on another guard on June 10.

That guard, Stephen T. Johns, 39, died. Von Brunn was shot in the face.

Prison officials confirmed the

death. Felicia Ponce, a spokeswoman for the federal prison system, said Von Brunn was pronounced dead shortly before 1 p.m. at a hospital near the prison, where he has being held. DEL QUENTIN WILBER (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Cover Story

Eat. Sleep. Football.

Mike Shanahan begins the task of remaking the Redskins in his own image

The Redskins

In the days after he was fired as the coach and executive vice president of the Denver Broncos last winter, Mike Shanahan took an office not far from the team's complex. He staffed it with his longtime personal assistant and set up the room as if he was still a coach, installing television screens and a tape machine.

He devised a way to have piles of coaching-quality game films delivered to the office and dedicated five to six hours of each day to evaluating players, breaking down offenses and searching for new ways to respond to the latest defensive trends.

"He wants a place where he could shower, get dressed and go to work," said his longtime friend Les Shapiro, a radio host in Denver. "It's easy to bang around the house and wear sweats. He wants to work."

To those who know him, the office is the essence of Shanahan, who is the Redskins' new head coach and executive vice president of football operations: a man so obsessed with detail that he draws plays on napkins even when dining out. Most coaches take vacations when they leave the NFL. Shanahan instead acted as if he never left, traveling to Florida to study Urban Meyer's spread offense and to New England to watch how Patriots Coach Bill Belichick ran his operation.

An intensity burns in Shanahan, 57, that is unique even in a league of meglomaniac coaches. He is not a tall man, standing 5-foot-9, yet his compulsion about the smallest components and his demands that everything be perfect, create an air of rigid formality.

"There's no casual with Coach Shanahan," said Paul Kirk, the Broncos' former media director who now runs the Denver-based public relations firm ProLink Sports. "You come prepared

and you don't make excuses."

As Broncos coach, the powers given him by team owner Pat Bowlen were so wide-ranging and encompassed so much that he installed video cameras in every Broncos meeting room so he could watch position meetings on a multi-window screen in his office just to make sure each coach taught the proper principles.

Such obsession led to two Broncos Super Bowl victories. It made Shanahan such a beloved figure



everything I got."

- MIKE SHANAHAN, WHO WAS INTRODUCED
WEDNESDAY AS THE REDSKINS' NEW HEAD COACH

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in Denver that he recently opened a steak house there and is still affectionately known around town as "the Mastermind."

But his thirst for power and a confidence in his own coaching brilliance led him to make bad player decisions, ultimately fracturing relationships inside the

Denver front office. He won only one playoff game in the 10 years after the last Super Bowl, helped get the team fined twice for salary cap violations, then was fired after an 8-8 season in 2008.

Some wonder if he will have the same trouble in Washington, with Redskins owner Daniel Snyder and general manager Bruce Allen, who also shares the title of executive vice president with Shanahan. But people close to Shanahan say Shanahan was assured by former Redskins coach Joe Gibbs that Snyder would stay in the background

and let Shanahan run the organization.

Allen is seen around the league as more of a

salary cap specialist. Shanahan recommended Allen to Snyder, according to people with knowledge of the situation, believing him to be someone who would mostly stay out of his way.

Meaning that Shanahan should get in Washington what he seemed to crave once he left the Broncos: the power to remake another team in his image. LES CARPENTER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

His Resume

The 57-year-old Mike Shanahan has built a career record of 154-103 as a head coach.



Shanahan is hired to coach the Los Angeles Raiders at age 35. He was fired early in his second season with a 8-12 record after clashing with owner Al Davis for much of his tenure.

Shanahan is in his third-year as offensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers when the team, led by QB Steve Young, wins the Super Bowl.

Shanahan is hired as head coach of

the Denver Broncos, where he landed his first NFL job at age 32 as the team's wide receivers coach and where he worked as quarterback coach for two years after his failed stint with the Raiders.



1998 The Broncos beat the Green Bay Packers to win the first of two consecutive Super Bowl titles under QB John Elway.

2008 Shanahan is fired by the Broncos, having won just one playoff game since Elway retired in 1999.

Sports

Arenas Suspended Indefinitely

Gun joke nets huge NBA penalty for the Wizards' star guard

The Wizards

Gilbert Arenas was suspended without pay Wednesday by NBA commissioner David Stern, who determined the player's behavior made him "not currently fit to take the court."

A day after the Washington Wizards guard was photographed before a game in Philadelphia pointing his index fingers, as if they were guns, at his teammates, Stern warned the former All-Star that his conduct will "ultimately result in a substantial suspension, and perhaps worse."

Arenas is under investigation by federal and local authorities after admittedly bringing guns to the locker room. Stern originally planned to wait to take action, but he tired of the player's behavior.

Arenas met with law enforcement officials Monday and said the next day that he feared Stern more than the authorities because the commissioner was "mean." With each game he misses, Arenas will lose about \$147,200 of the \$16.2 million he will earn this season in the second of a six-year, \$111 million contract. The punishment came on his 28th birthday.

A Wizards spokesman said Arenas left the team, which is playing in Cleveland, earlier Wednesday but didn't know where he was going. "It's sad," Wizards guard DeShawn Stevenson said. "You don't want to see a player go down like that. We're a family, and it hurts."

The Wizards supported Stern's decision in a statement attributed to president Ernie Grunfeld and the Pollin family, which



This picture of Gilbert Arenas pretending to shoot his teammates Tuesday night may have sped up the NBA's suspension.

"Although it is clear that the actions of Mr. Arenas will ultimately result in a substantial suspension, and perhaps worse, his ongoing conduct has led me to to conclude that he is not currently fit to take the court in an NBA game. Accordingly, I am suspending Mr. Arenas indefinitely, without pay, effective immediately."

NBA COMMISSIONER DAVID STERN, who grew weary of Gilbert Arenas' antics while under investigation for keeping his guns in the Wizards' locker room.

owns the team. The late Abe Pollin changed the team's name from the Bullets because of the violent connotation.

"Strictly legal issues aside, Gilbert's recent behavior and statements, including his actions and statements last night in Philadelphia, are unacceptable," the statement said. "Some of our other players appeared to find Gilbert's

behavior in Philadelphia amusing. This is also unacceptable. Under Abe Pollin's leadership, our organization never tolerated such behavior, and we have no intention of ever doing so."

A lawyer representing Arenas in the gun matter did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Arenas does not have a traditional player agent. (AP)

Apologies

Arenas Speaks

Gilbert Arenas took a remorseful tone after learning of his suspension from the NBA. In a statement he released late Wednesday, the All-Star point guard said: "I feel very badly that my actions have caused the NBA to suspend me, but I understand why the league took this action. I put the NBA in a negative light and let down my teammates and my fans." Arenas reiterated that the incident with teammate Javaris Crittenton was intended as a practical joke, but he now knows that he used "terrible judgment." (EXPRESS)

In Brief



Andre Dawson, nicknamed "The Hawk," hit 438 career home runs from 1976-96.

BASEBALL

Dawson Lone Selection To Baseball Hall of Fame

Andre Dawson was elected to Major League Baseball's Hall of Fame in his ninth try, while Bert Blyleven and Roberto Alomar fell just short of the honor on Wednesday. Dawson hit 438 homers in a career from 1976-96. Nicknamed "The Hawk," he was voted National League Rookie of the Year in 1977 with Montreal and NL Most Valuable Player in 1987 with the Chicago Cubs, the first member of a last-place team to earn the honor. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Patriots' Brady Wins NFL Comeback Award

Tom Brady's strong return from a left knee injury that cost him an entire season has earned the Patriots quarterback The Associated Press 2009 NFL Comeback Player of the Year award. A threetime Super Bowl winner and finalist for AP Player of the Decade, Brady led New England to a 10-6 record and the AFC East title this season. He threw for 4,398 yards and 28 touchdowns. (AP)

BASEBALL

Nats, Capps Finalize Deal

Reliever Matt Capps and the Washington Nationals have finalized their \$3.5 million, one-year contract. The 26-year-old right-hander became a free agent last month when the Pittsburgh Pirates declined to offer a contract for 2010. He was 4-8 with a 5.80 ERA and 27 saves in 32 chances last season, striking out 46 in 54 1-3 innings. Capps can earn an additional \$425,000 in performance bonuses for games finished under the deal. (AP)



Former Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis will be the next offensive coordinator of the Kansas City Chiefs according to league sources, ESPN reported Wednesday. Weis, who was the

Patriots' offensive coordinator for three Super Bowl championships, was fired from Notre Dame last December Weis also will be reunited with Chiefs general manager Scott Pioli, who was the Patriots' VP of player personnel during Weis' tenure. (EXPRESS)

Sports



Texas coach Mack Brown and Alabama coach Nick Saban will face off on Thursday.

Longhorns Hope To Repeat History







College Football

On Thursday night at the Rose Bowl, an underdog Big 12 team quarterbacked by a Heisman Trophy finalist will square off in the Bowl Championship Series title game against this season's most dominating squad, which is led by its Heisman-winning tailback. This plot line may sound all too familiar to college football fans.

Four years after quarterback Vince Young guided Texas to a surprising BCS title game victory over Southern California in Pasadena, Calif., another Longhorns team has an opportunity to repeat history. Sort of.

This time, No. 2 Texas (13-0) will face No. 1 Alabama (13-0) for the BCS title. Thanks in large part

to a stingy defense and the prolific runs of tailback Mark Ingram, the Crimson Tide made its way through the regular season mostly unchallenged and has been the clear favorite since the pairing was announced a month ago.

While Crimson Tide Coach Nick Saban attempted to keep reporters from asking his players about their title aspirations, Texas Coach Mack Brown was busy assuring reporters that his group — led by quarterback Colt McCoy — deserved to be the Crimson Tide's opponent.

"The biggest thing, though, is that these kids have earned the right to be here," Brown said. "They have won 13 games. They have worked really hard. The coaches' poll and the [Associated Press] poll at the first of the year thought that they would be good enough to get here, and they have been. All they need to do now is make sure that they continue to do what they did."

STEVE YANDA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (8 P.M., ABC)

Alabama and Texas meet in the BCS National Championship Game at the Rose Bowl.

CAPITALS (7 P.M., CSN) New captain Alex Ovechkin leads the Caps against

the Ottawa Senators.

MASON HOOPS (7 P.M., CSN+)
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on the Spot

Peter Earnest, the founding

executive director of the International Spy Museum and veteran of the CIA, didn't want "The Real Spy's Guide to Becoming a Spy," co-written with Suzanne Harper, to be too juvenile. Sure, the howto guide is meant to encourage vouth to get involved in the intelligence profession, but it's not a kiddie book. The guide is supposed to appeal to people with serious intelligence inclinations, a world Earnest was part of for more than three decades. From 25 years as a case officer to time spent as the CIA's director of media relations, Earnest has seen the CIA from nearly every angle, and he'll discuss his experiences and how they shaped "The Real Spy's Guide to Becoming A Spy" at the Borders in Fairfax on Saturday.

How did you walk the line in writ-

ing a serious book for kids?

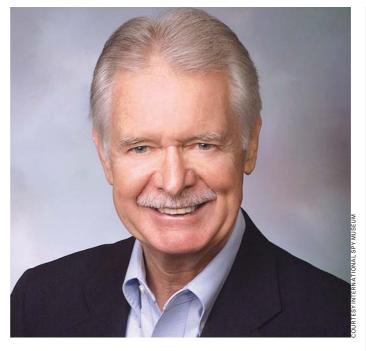
The book is illustrated, there's sort of a humorous and lightness there that's geared to the younger person, but ... it tries hard not to talk down.

So, how did you go about writing the book?

As dealing with terrorism goes on and there's an interest in young people considering [intelligence] as a career, their parents always ask me, "What should my child study?" As if you can nail that right down off the bat. ... But Suzanne drafted what would come closest to what we were talking about, and I would make corrections and add some of my own writing, and it would go back and forth.

Were there any sections that were your favorites to write?

One of the things that came up



Peter Earnest

AUTHOR, 'THE REAL SPY'S GUIDE TO BECOMING A SPY'

invariably is people who get very confused and ask, "What is a spy? What do you call a spy?" And I tried to lay out some clear definitions — what does an analyst do?

what does a case officer do? — that were more than just academic definitions.

Why do you think this kind of book

"People ... get very confused and ask, 'What is a spy?' ... I try to lay out some clear definitions."

is necessary?

This is [about] the need for our country to have the best in the intelligence discipline ... getting the best minds at work together on the challenge of the terrorist threat. And for that, I think this book is very relevant to our world — I think it's important to interest younger people, and I think this is one form of public service. There's a real need for having really good people in there, and the events of the last few days — with the terrorist attempt on that flight — certainly brings that home. ROXANA HADADI

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The Textile Museum explores the world of an extravagant style

Out & About

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But Japan being, well, Japan, the



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kids who come to Tokyo's Harajuku district to strut their stuff were and remain the most dedicated followers of this fashion.

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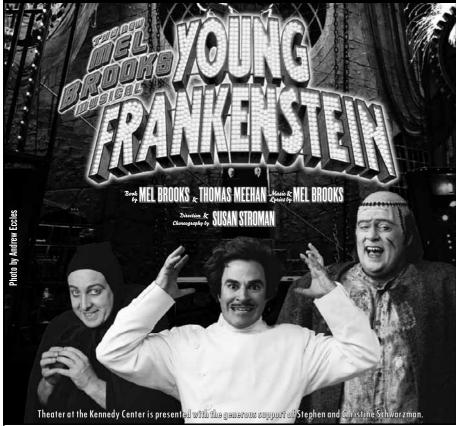
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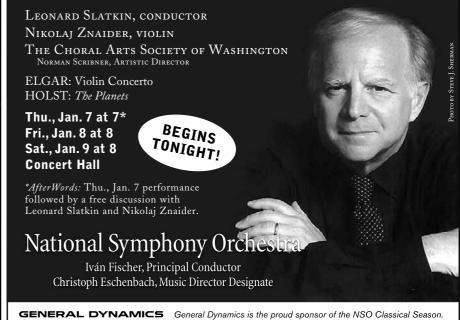


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Think Fast!

What's so funny? Improv Chicago City Limits' 'Wikiphobia' has all the answers

Out & About

The name may sound misleading, but New York's longest-running comedy troupe, Chicago City Limits, is no joke. Their newest tour, "Wikiphobia," takes aim at Internet culture and the increasingly confusing world of online news media through their trademark musical comedic improv. The show begins with a word from the audience and a bluesy piano lick, and what happens next is anybody's guess.

Touring CCL performer David Chernicoff explained, "I think the high-wire act of improv has a lot of appeal. You can prepare skills and you can prepare as a group, but you always start from scratch and you always start from something different. When the scene starts, the audience knows as much as the performer about what's going to happen."

Chernicoff has been cracking jokes in public since high school, and came to CCL as a producer two years ago. He worked his way into the touring company as a performer shortly thereafter, and loves working for the company in particular because of its broad appeal.

"The CCL show is fun for everybody, and you don't have to bring a lot of comedy literacy to the table to appreciate what we're doing and find our show funny," he said. "I've seen a lot of stuff in New York that's really, really good with a high degree of difficulty and really satisfying, but I think would

be a lot harder for somebody who's new to improv to get what's going on at all."

As a comedian, Chernicoff is no elitist, "There are a lot of purists in the comedy world who like one

fearless; you have to be focused. You have to be ready to fail a certain percentage of the time. Even the best improvisers in the world do scenes every so often that don't get off the ground — it's an inherent risk in the craft. It's an approach that leads you to grow and become more confident."

Improv's singular quality is the connection forged by the creative process between the performers

"You don't have to bring a lot of comedy literacy to the table to appreciate what we're doing."

specific thing or only like what they do," said Chernicoff. "But I'm an equal opportunity laugher."

Chenicoff has a deep respect for the art of improv in particular. It has pushed him to new levels as a performer and he recognized the challenge, noting, "You have to be and the audiences. "It's a form that lends itself to communicating with people very directly. You're in the same room with them, and you see how they react and feel that immediately," he said.

As the show travels around the country, it changes based on who's

watching.

"There are scenes in our show when we're constantly going to the audience for suggestions, and at that point, there are differences from one crowd to the other whether it's regional, or whether you've got a younger audience or an older audience, a smaller audience or a larger audience. Around D.C., you may have a more politically minded audience, and around Silicon Valley, you've got people with tech on the brain. All of those things tend to seep into the show through the fact that we're accepting suggestions."

Differences in location can make for pretty disparate suggestions. "There are some crowds where you'll ask them for a word and they'll say, 'Potato,' and there are some crowds where you'll ask them for a word and they'll say 'Joe Biden'," said Chernicoff.

After performing in D.C. last year, he noticed the District tends to have "a pretty savvy and well-informed crowd as far as current events, which is not surprising, given the place. They're more likely to consume more topical humor, there are more, 'Daily Show,' 'Colbert [Report], and 'SNL' viewers. I think they come to a comedy show and say, 'Oh, I'm going to a comedy show; maybe they're going to do some jokes about the health care bill."

But after that, what happens onstage is as unpredictible as, well, the future of the health care bill.

"Lately, I seem to wind up playing a lot of talking animals," said Chernicoff. "At a show in New York a couple of weeks ago, I was a pig, and the story was about a pig giving birth to 10 baby pigs. So, I birthed one other guy 10 times in rapid succession."

With improv, anything is possible. "It can get pretty silly, but it's the nature of the beast," Chernicoff said. "You're doing your best to follow up and build on what came before, and sometimes you wind up being a sow nursing a good friend." RYAN LITTLE

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Best Faith Forward

The Blind Boys of Alabama keep gospel fresh by hooking up with secular stars

Music

Make no mistake: The Blind Boys of Alabama are as committed to the church and to gospel music as they have ever been, but there's nothing wrong with bringing a little secular music into the fold.

And thus, for the better part of the last decade, the Blind Boys have worked with musicians as diverse as Tom Waits, Ben Harper and Randy Travis.

"You have to change with the times," lead vocalist Jimmy Carter said.

"We are a traditional gospel group — when secular guys come to us most of them have come out of the church [at some point]. It's not that we're trying to deviate from what we're doing — we're still going to do gospel music; we're not going to change."

The group, whose members are a mix of older and younger men

with and without sight, celebrates its willingness to embrace these opportunities on its latest album, "Duets." The 14-song anthology — a mix of new and old — features collaborations with Bonnie Raitt, Toots Hibbert, Lou Reed and more.

"They come to us and some bring material that you can't use," Carter said of how the group chooses whom to work with. "Sometimes it can be a secular song, and you can change just a few lyrics, and it becomes a gospel song."

It brought on a bit of a popular resurgence for the group, which originally formed at the Alabama Institute for the Negro Blind in 1939.

Perhaps the biggest beneficiary has been Harper, with whom the group recorded an entire album, "There Will Be a Light," in 2004. The Blind Boys had previously recorded a cover of Harper's "I Shall Not Walk Alone" on 2002's "Higher Ground."

But this past decade hasn't been all positive for the Blind Boys: Two founding members (George Scott and Johnny Fields) Sometimes it can be a secular song, and you can change just a few lyrics, and it becomes a gospel

died, and another founder (Clarence Fountain) limited his touring due to health concerns. Carter understands that his — and the group's other elder members' time to perform could be short.

"I would hope that when I go ... they will continue to carry the torch on," Carter said of the group's younger singers.

In the meantime, Carter has one message for audiences catching the group on the in concert: "We're going to try to make you feel something that you've never felt before."

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A Fan Upstairs

The Asylum Street Spankers' retro-folk gets a pious twist

Music

If 2009, with its steampunk dandies, mustachioed bartenders and tweedy chic, was the Year of the Retro-Victorian, then 2010 might be the Year of a Depressed American. The Asylum Street Spankers know that the only way to get through hard times is by making a joyous racket, and the Austin collective, inspired by the Tin Pan Alley tunes and tinkery-dink percussion of the early part of the last century, are a seven-headed good-time machine.

The Spankers hit Jammin' Java on Thursday night for a local stop on their "Salvation and Sin" tour. They'll tote a whole new sack of tunes from their latest, "God's Favorite Band," a live recording which edges away from the snarktinged ragtime/vaudeville/washboard music for which they are beloved by hipsters and concen-



The Austin ensemble is inspired by music from the early 20th century.

trates on traditional gospel and religious tunes. The band goes after these with as much gusto as it brings to its wackier repertoire. But fans of the funny needn't fear — the Spankers put on a ferociously entertaining show and are sure to toss in the tunes, asides and bad behavior that have made their live shows bucket-list staples for hipsters. Arion Berger (express)

 Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue
 East, Vienna; Thu., 8 p.m., \$17; 703-255-1566, jamminjava.com.

The Sun Inside



BRIGHT THINGS: Gallery Neptune turns up the heat with a color-centric group show opening on Friday. Artists include Elyse Harrison (above), Albert Schweitzer, Ed Bises, Lisa Brotman, Glenn Friedel, Elaine Langerman and Wayne Page.

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Shakespeare in the Skate Park

'10 Things I Hate About You' still sings on a new anniversary DVD

DVD

Despite John Hughes' output 10 years before, the 1990s were the real heyday of the teen comedy. Starting with the snappily hilarious "Clueless" in 1995, the genre came into its own during latter half of the decade and reached a peak in 1999, when "She's All That," "American Pie" and "10 Things I Hate About You" brought adolescents to the cineplex in droves.

Many '90s teen movies found inspiration in literary sources, with which they engaged with playful knowingness. "10 Things" is a gloss on Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" and concerns the efforts of Patrick Verona (Heath Ledger) to court the rebellious Katarina "Kat" Stratford (Julia Stiles). The students



 $Heath\,Ledger\,played\,the\,brooding\,romantic\,hero\,Patrick\,Verona\,in\, ``10\,Things."$

study the bard's sonnets in their lit class, and one character (played by David Krumholtz) attends prom as Shakespeare himself. The characters toggle between '90s slang and Shakespearean dialogue — a clever trick that suggests adolescents have developed a very complex view of the world and their lessons.

"10 Things," which gets a 10th anniversary edition DVD release this week, is the directorial debut of Gil Junger, who sets and sustains a wry tone that enhances the characters' emotional conflicts.

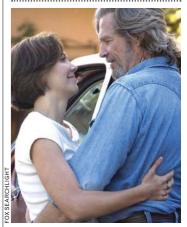
This new edition has only a few paltry features, but the new making-of reveals how much comic relief he added to the script, including Krumholtz's disastrous motorcycle ride and an unfortunate arrow incident.

The real reason "10 Things" is remembered a decade after its release is the cast. Stiles gives her character's anger some much-needed specificity, and no movie has used Ledger's innate charms — those lively eyes and that easy smile — more effectively.

Of course, aspects of the movie haven't aged particularly well. Some of the fashions will strike new viewers as dated, especially a particularly hideous pink prom dress, and the soundtrack wasn't edgy even in '99, so it's especially lame in '10.

By far the best musical moment
— and perhaps the film's best scene
— is Ledger's infamous stadium serenade, when he sings "Can't Take
My Eyes Off of You" and runs from
a pair of hapless security guards. It
may not be Shakespeare, but such
effortless charisma never gets old.
STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

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Maggie Gyllenhaal and Jeff Bridges star in Scott Cooper's "Crazy Heart."

Bridges' Troubled Water

One of the greatest acting talents in America, Jeff Bridges, stars in "Crazy Hearts." First-time writer-director Scott Cooper's drama opens on Friday at the two local Landmark Theatres. Bridges plays Bad Blake, a washed-up country singer with mountains of talent and molehills of success, whose career limps along while that of his protege (Colin Farrell) soars. Bad grasps for redemption in the form of aspiring journalist and single mother Maggie Gyllenhaal, and if it all sounds like hand-me-down Horton Foote. bear in mind that the film is generating Oscar buzz for Bridges. > E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; 202-452-7672. (Metro Center) ► Bethesda Row Cinema, 7235 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda; 301-652-7273

Bringing a Silent to Life

The National Gallery of Art celebrates the films of cinematic pioneer D.W. Griffith with one of its Ciné-Concerts. The 1925 silent film "Lady of the Pavements" screens to live accompaniment by composer and pianist Donald Sosin and vocalist Joanna Seaton. The film was Griffith's last of the silent era and stars the lovely Lupe Velez — then an ingenue and a promising Hollywood talent — as a prostitute who inveigles Prussian aristocrat William Boyd into marrying her. National Gallery of Art, East Building, 400 Constitution Ave. NW; Sat., 2 p.m., free; 202-842-6799, nga.gov. (Archives-Navy Memorial)

Take 10

WASHINGTON POST FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

- **1 Avatar:** James Cameron has a penchant for melding spectacle and old-fashioned storytelling. Here, he delivers an ambitious, immersive cinematic experience. **ANN HORNADAY**
- 2 Sherlock Holmes: Director Guy Ritchie tries so hard to make sure this isn't your father's "Sherlock Holmes" that it comes across as cartoonish. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN
- 3 Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel: Director Betty Thomas manages this middlebrow mayhem with a suitably light touch; this "Squeakquel" just squeaks by. (MO)
- **4 It's Complicated:** The romantic comedy about a divorced couple having an affair is both light on its feet and heavy enough to deliver a message. (MO)



The "Chipettes" keep their guys on the run in the new "Alvin and the Chipmunks."

- **5 The Blind Side:** Grounded in the direct, disarming truth of the characters' experience, the movie has a straightforward lack of cheap sentiment. (AH)
- **6 Up in the Air:** George Clooney is at the peak of his powers starring in this timeless movie that's utterly of its time a movie of humor, heart and mind. (AH)

7 The Princess and the Frog:

"The Princess and the Frog" is a triumph on every one of the myriad levels it has been asked to succeed.

- 8 Did You Hear About the Morgans? Hugh Grant and Sarah Jessica Parker star an exercise in foregone conclusions so dreary it hardly qualifies as comedy. (MO)
- **9 Nine:** This bright, shiny bauble of cinematic self-reference and mythologizing begs so insistently to be loved that it winds up pushing the audience away. (AH)
- 10 Invictus: Clint Eastwood has made a thoroughly absorbing, inspiring movie that features one of the year's most galvanizing performances Morgan Freeman as Nelson Mandela. (AH)

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Traveling With Kids

Journey to the horn of Africa by way of Baltimore this weekend as the Walters Art Museum hosts "Oh, Ethiopia" on Saturday and Sun-

day. Part of the museum's weekly fami-

ly-friendly Drop-In Art program, this is a fun-filled, creation-facilitating chance for the little ones to deal in crafts such as painting massive parade banners and making collages of art inspired by Ethiopian food.

→ The Walters Art Museum, 600 N. Charles St. Baltimore. Md.: Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., free; 410-547-

9000, thewalters.org.



Sound

THURSDAY

9:30 Club: City and Colour, Lissie, 7 p.m., \$20.

Black Cat: The Capstan Shafts, the Cheniers, the Octagon, 8:30 p.m., \$8.

Blues Alley: Mose Allison Trip, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Bohemian Caverns: Sound of the City, 8 n.m., free.

DC9: Peanut Butter & Dave. Pianowire. Toby FalsIgraff, 9 p.m., \$8.

Jammin' Java: Asylum Street Spankers. 8 n.m., \$17.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Matt Brown, 6 p.m., free.

The Red and Black: Bruce Hazel & Some Volunteers, the Mob Warehouse, International Graduate University. 9 p.m., \$6.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Beat Market, 6 p.m., free.

Twins Jazz: The Graham Keir Group, 9 & 11 p.m., \$10.

Velvet Lounge: Free Lobster Buffet, Fiction20Down, 9 p.m., \$8.

FRIDAY

9:30 Club: Honor by August, Melodime, Locksley, the B-Film Extras, 8 p.m., \$15. **Birchmere:** Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky

Thunder, 7:30 p.m., \$35.

Black Cat: The Upper Crust, Death by Sexy, Fishnet Stalkers, 9 p.m., \$12.

Bohemian Caverns: Quamon Fowler, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., \$15.

Blues Alley: Mose Allison Trip, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

HR-57: Antonio Parker Quartet, 8:30 p.m., \$8.

Iota: The Walkaways, Taylor Carson, Wes

Tucker and the Skillets, 9 p.m., \$12. Jammin' Java: SGGL, 8 p.m., \$25.

Jaxx: Behemoth, Septic Flesh, Lightning Swords of Death, 6:30 p.m., \$23.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Cedri Watson and Bijou Creole, 6 p.m.,

Red and Black Bar: Solar Powered Sun Destroyer, Sainthood Reps. Caspian, 9 p.m., free.

Rock and Roll Hotel: The Method.

Crossing Borders

The Washington Sculptors Group and the Art Museum of the Americas present a show that moves between worlds. "Bilateral Engagement" inloudes everything from works from the AMotA's permanent collection of Latin American art to Kyan Bishop's "A Fascination With the Potential of Completely Falling Apart," above. The show closes soon, so take it in before it takes off.

→ Art Museum of the Americas, 201 18th St. NW; through Jan. 15; 202-458-6016, museum.oas.org.

Secrets and Flies

Martha's Vineyard can be so uncomfortable in summer — the mosquitos, the parental disapproval, the racial assumptions that slip out at exactly the wrong time. Lydia Diamond's play "Stick Fly" at Arena Stage takes a scalpel to the veneer of an upper-class black family whose secrets

→ Arena Stage in Crystal City, 1800 S Bell St., Arlington; through Feb. 7, \$27-\$69; 202-488-3300, arenastage.org. (Crystal City)

unravel when the two sons bring their girlfriends home.



The Legend **Hits the Decks**

Back when they called it "hip-hop" the first time around, Grandmaster Flash was schooling a generation in a whole new sound. The rap pioneer and trailblazing DJ spins for the fren-

> zied dancers at Ibiza on Saturday night.

→ Ibiza, 1222 1st St. NE; Sat., 10 p.m., \$15; ibizadc.



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WEEKEND

Compiled by Express' Arion Berger and Nathan Martin. Find more of their daily picks — and what's coming up this weekend — at expressnightout.com/topstops.

7 p.m., \$25; 877-

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Higher Hands, Lucid, Moonlicious, 8:30 p.m., \$10

State Theatre: Frontiers, 8:30 p.m., \$12. Twins Jazz: Ali Ryerson, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15. Velvet Lounge: Erik Deutsch, Stella Schindler, 10 p.m., \$10.

Warner Theatre: Blind Boys of Alabama, 8 p.m., \$28-\$58.

Wolf Trap: Chicago City Limits, 8 p.m.,

SATURDAY

9:30 Club: RJD2, Happy Chichester, 8 p.m., \$20.

Birchmere: Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder, 7:30 p.m., \$35.

Black Cat: Mousetrap, 9:30 p.m., \$10; Seas, Cat Jack, 8 p.m., \$8.

Bohemian Caverns: Quamon Fowler, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., \$15.

Blues Alley: Mose Allison Trip, 8 &

10 p.m., \$25

HR-57: Jimmy Jackson Quartet, 8:30 p.m., \$8

lota: Rome in a Day, Citizen, Punch Drunk Poets, 9 p.m., \$12.

Jammin' Java: John Jorgenson Quintet, 7 p.m., \$20; The Drama Kings, Dreaming of Eden, Redshift, 10 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: Sex Slaves, Cab Ride Home, One Slack Mind, All Access, the Buried,

Almost Human, 7 p.m., \$15.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage:

The Cuban Cowbows, 6 p.m., free.

The Red and Black: Bonjour Gansh, Wildlife City, 9 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band, DJ Jahsonic, 9:30 p.m.,

Twins Jazz: Ali Ryerson, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15. Velvet Lounge: Kuschty Rye Ergot,

Gondola, 10 p.m., \$8.

Wolf Trap: Chicago City Limits, 7:30 p.m., \$22.

SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Joe Rogan, 7 p.m., \$25. Black Cat: Detox Retox, Zlam Dunk, 9 p.m., \$8.

Blues Alley: Mose Allison Trip, 8 & Continued on E10





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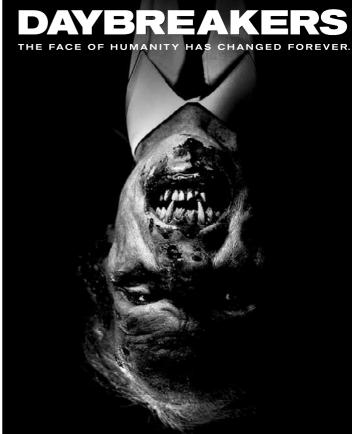
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Jaxx: Abacabb, Xytrantx, In Alcatraz

1962, My Ransomed Soul, more, 1 p.m.,

Twins Jazz: Willerm Delisfort Project, 9 & 11 p.m., \$10.

Addison/Ripley Fine Art: "Wolf

Kahn," the German-born painter's pas-

tels and oil works, through Jan. 23. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-238-5180, addisonripleyfineart.com.

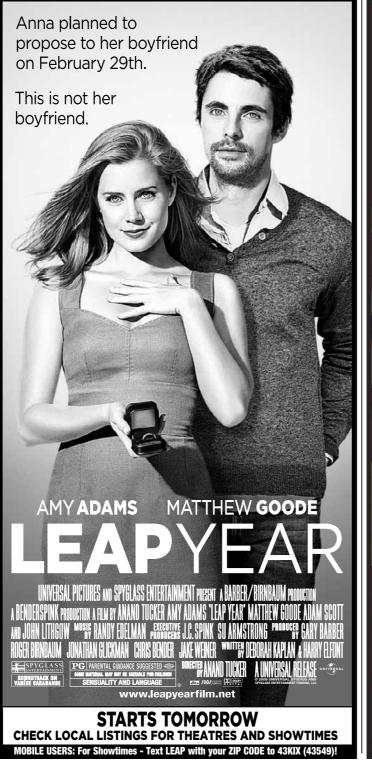
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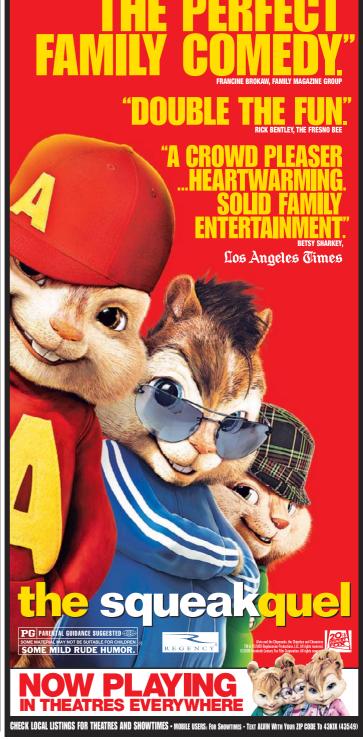
"Spirits in a Bottle," a lighthearted exhibit pays tribute to an African tradition, through Jan. exhibitions highlighting Alexandria's history. 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-838-4356, oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc.

Anacostia Community Museum:

"Separate but Unequaled," exhibit highlighting the achievements and success of the early segregated baseball leagues. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, anacostia.si.edu.

Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery: "Blue Like Me: the Work of Siona Benjamin," the Jewish artist's upbringing in India is expressed through painting, through





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Jan. 29. 1529 16th St. NW; 202-518-9400, washingtondcjcc.org

Arlington Arts Center: "Image/Project," exhibition of video and paintings juried by Taryn Simon, through Jan. 16. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, arlingtonartscenter.org.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Falnama: the Book of Omens," vividly illustrated manuscripts on the end of days

from the Islamic world, through Jan. 24. Perspectives: Anish Kapoor," metallic sculptures from the Indian sculptor, through Feb. 23; "Moving Perspectives: Yeondoo Jung," memories explored through photography and video from this South Korean artist, through March 14. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE The Art League Gal-

lery: "One Less Traveled," landscape photographs from Pamela Viola explore a haunting world just off the beaten path, through Sun. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, theartleague.org.

Art Museum of the Americas:

"Bilateral Engagement," a survey of Washington Sculptor Guild work, through Jan. 15. 201 18th St. NW; 202458-6016, museum.oas.org.

LAST CHANCE Corcoran Gallery of

Art: "American Bronzes" "Sculpture from the Mouse House: the Olga Hirshorn Collection," ongoing. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

LAST CHANCE Cross Mackenzie Gal-

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LAST CHANCE D.C. Arts Center:

"Black," artists wrestle with the larger implications and meanings of the color, through Sun. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org

LAST CHANCE Embassy of France:

"Nouvelles Histoires," abstract, pastelheavy paintings from Isabelle Babington, through Fri. 2142 Wyoming Ave. NW; 202-234-7911, francedc.org.

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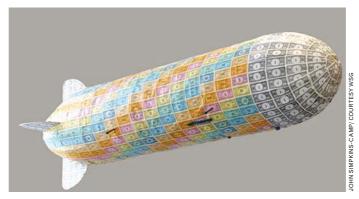
"Japan Through Our Eyes," local alumni of the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program provide a photographic look into the culture of Japan, through Fri. 2520 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-238-6949, embjapan.org.

Flashpoint Gallery: "Inside Mouth," minimalistic drawings from Jackie Milad explore the variety of expressions of the face, reception Sat. 6-8 p.m., through Feb. 13. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, flashpointdc.org

LAST CHANCE Folger Shakespeare

Library: "Imagining China: the View from Europe, 1550-1700," woodprints, maps and paintings illustrate early

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NO GAME: Uncle Pennybag's zeppelin meets economic woes as John Simpkins-Camp's Monopoly-money created "Financial Disaster," shows at "Sculpture Now 2010," put on by the Washington Sculptors Group at Pepco Edison Place Gallery.

modern Europeans' fascination with China, through Sat. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600, folger.edu.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Children at Play in Chinese Paintings," through May 23. "Texture of Night: James McNeill Whistler," through June; "Cornucopia: Ceramics from Southern Japan," through 2011. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE Goethe-Institut: "Iconoclash" politically charged icons from the tulmutuous period of transition in post-Berlin Wall Germany, through Thurs. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200, goethe.de/washington.

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AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

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Regal Majestic Cinema

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Todd and Nicole Wiss bought the Mount Pleasant pizza place Radius and crafted a menu attentive to the seasons and locality of ingredients — but they still serve pizza.

A Fresh Formula

Organic, elegant fare is on the menu at the buffed-up Radius in Mount Pleasant

Pizza

If you want to find a cozy restaurant in Mount Pleasant with dishes made from local, organic and sustainable ingredients, look no further than the neighborhood joint Radius.

Even locals may not know that the reliable pizza place has been transformed into a stop for elegant, hearty fare — pizza and beyond by new owners Todd and Nicole Wiss. The couple met while working at Poste Moderne Brassiere, where Todd was sous chef and Nicole was general manager. They discussed buying their own place, and the chance to buy Radius fell into their laps last year.

Todd, a native Washingtonian, said that he became conscious about local and sustainable ingre-



Locally grown carrots, beets and parsley enliven a plate of ravioli with color.

dients while working with Robert Weland at Poste. Todd makes pastas and sausages in the restaurant, and ingredients come from local farms.

Pizza takes center stage, and Nicole, who works the front of the house, said it's been "really fun melding the pizza concept with the things we hold true to our hearts."

"We're looking at the calendar, seeing what's coming out of the ground, and putting that on "We're looking at the calendar, seeing what's coming out of the ground and putting that on a

pizza," Todd added. This means pies like the winter pizza, an unusual but delicious combination of celery root puree, toasted pine nuts, parsnips and feta.

The drink list is as thoughtful as the menu. Nicole put together a list of five red and five white wines, a list she calls "fun and approachable, but somewhat challenging."

The bar features NFL games on two large televisions, or "Cash Cab" during happy hour. Radius' happy hour lasts until 7 p.m., and a slice of cheese pizza and any draft pint for goes for \$5. On Wednesdays, get a free bottle of wine with the purchase of a large pizza and an appetizer or two entrees and an appetizer. AMY CAVANAUGH

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Legal Sea Foods turns up the heat with its New England clam chowder deal.

Legal's Liquid Pick-Me-Up

This year, Legal Sea Foods is celebrating its 60th birthday and its respect for soup by declaring Jan. 20 "Chowda Day." (It's only proper considering Januaury is also national soup month.) In recognition of this new "Legal" holiday, all four of its area restaurants will serve up 60-cent bowls of New England clam chowder with the purchase of any entrée on Jan. 20 only. See legalseafoods.com for locations.

DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

Dine Out Wisely During 2010 Restaurant Week

Monday marks the start of the Restaurant Week 2010, during which many area eateries will offer affordable. three-course lunch (\$20.10) and dinner (\$35.10) options. Eateries from 14K to 2941, Acadania to Zola will offer deals, so visit washington.org/ restaurantwk for participating restaurants or to make a reservation. (DW)

Give the Gift of Beer

The Belgian brewery Brouwerij de Musketiers did a solid for Robert Wiedmaier, concocting a special beer just for his restaurant Brasserie Beck. But starting mid-month, the brew, Antigoon, will be available in some local retail stores, so you can bring home the magic of Belgian beer and ancient myth — look for the bleeding giant on the label. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)



Dine & Dash has more on local eats at expressnightout.com/dine



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- Elvis costume contest: sign up from 1 to 3 p.m.; parade and judging at 4 p.m.
- Elvis tribute concerts by Will Debley at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- George Klein talks about his book Elvis: My Best Man at 1 p.m.
- Screening of *Viva Las Vegas* at 5 p.m.



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Hirshhorn: "Strange Bodies: Figurative Works From the Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. "Black Box: Phoebe Greenberg," through April 11. "Directions: John Gerrard," 3-D installation mixes reality with fiction, through May 31. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

Irvine Contemporary: "The Struggle to Right Oneself," static shots of very violent action from photographer Kerry Skarbakka; "Uncomissioned Memorials," marble and stone creations from Sebastian Martorana, through Jan. 30. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

The Lyceum: "Tramping and Trailing With the Girl Scouts," photos and artifacts detail the growth and expansion of scouting in the D.C. area, through May 31. 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria; 703-838-4554, historical alexandria.org.

Mexican Cultural Institute: "Dialogues in Mexican Photography," showing the best of the Mexican photographic community, through Jan. 30. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628, instituteofmexicodc.org.

National Air and Space Museum:

"Alan Bean: Painting Apollo, First Artist on Another World," reflections and paintings from the fourth man on the moon; ongoing exhibitions and largest collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft in the world. 6th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu

LAST CHANCE National Gallery of Art, East Building: "Editions With Additions: Working Proofs by Jasper Johns," through Sun.; "Alexander Calder"; "The Robert and Jane Meyeroff Collection: Selected Works," through

Collection: Selected Works," through May 2. **National Gallery of Art, West Building:** "Robert Bergman:
Portraits, 1986–1995," portraits of the street people encountered and shot by the artist on an everyday basis through Sun.; "The Darker Side of Light: Arts of Privacy," moody reflections from private 19th-century collections, through Jan. 18; "Renaissance to Revolution: French Drawings From the National Gallery of Art, 1500-1800," through Jan. 31; "Designing the Lincoln Memorial: Daniel Chester French & Henry Bacon" fea-

The Beats Spin Round



STUTTER BUT DON'T STOP: Mashing hip-hop beats with trance-stained electronic a, producer Ramble John Krohn, aka "RJD2," brings the trip-friendly fruits from his upcoming album, "The Colossus," to the 9:30 Club on Saturday.

tures a plaster final model of the statue, through Feb. "In the Darkroom: Photographic Processes Before the Digital Age," exhibition of the history and developing craft of capturing images on film, through March 14. Permanent exhibit, European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts from the 13th through the 19th centuries. 6th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, nga.gov.

National Geographic: "Terra Cotta Warriors," the legendary Chinese clay figures come to D.C., through March 31; "Polar Obsession," photographs from the frigid and chilling arctic world, through Feb. 15. "National Geographic Image Collection," best of the magazine's storied collection, through April 15. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, national geographic. com/museum.

National Museum of African Art:

"Artful Animals," a family-friendly exhibition looks into Africa and its animals, through Feb. 21. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, africa.si.edu.

National Museum of American His-

tory: The newly light-filled space contains an array of ongoing exhibitions, including "The Scurlock Studio and Black Washington: Picturing the Promise," through Feb.; "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem"; "On the Water:

Stories From Maritime America"; "Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian"; and many more. 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of the Ameri-

can Indian: "IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas,"
20-panel exhibition focuses on the relations between African American and American Indians through May 31. Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection. 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural His-

tory: "Dig It! The Secrets of the Soil," through Jan. "Since Darwin: The Evolution of Evolution," the history and timeline of one of the most influential scientific theories, through July 18; "Farmers, Warriors, Builders: The Hidden Life of Ants," through Oct. 10; "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake," through Feb. 2011, other permanent exhibitions. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the

Arts: "Land of Enchantment: Australian Aboriginal Painting," the intricate patterns and vibrant color of Australia's finest artists; "Telling Secrets: Codes,

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19 TUE ★ "The Lyrics of Dorothy Fields"

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20 WED * Pree

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National Portrait Gallery: "Faces of the Frontier: Photographic Portraits From the American West, 1845-1924," through Jan. 24; "Portraiture Now: Communities," the individual members of small towns and families come alive, through July 5; "Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition," through Aug. "One Life: Echoes of Elvis," portraits and exhibits of the King, through Aug. 29. Other permanent exhibitions, 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Manhunt: Chasing Lincoln's Killer," through Feb. 28. "Woodstock at 40: The Rise of Music Journalism," through Oct. 31. "First Dogs: Presidential Pets in the White House,"; "G-Men and Journalists," a history of media coverage and the FBI, both through Dec. 31; "Athlete: the Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter looss," through Dec. 31, ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, newseum.org.

Parish Gallery: "Art in the Eye of a Needle," microscopic sculpted art from Willard Wigan, through Jan. 23. 1054 31st.

NW; 202-944-2310, parishgallery.com.

The Phillips Collection: "Man Ray,

African Art and the Modernist Lens," iconic photos that recontextualized African art and revolutionized photography, through Jan. "Brain Storm," stunning video installation from Jennifer Wen Ma, through Sun. "Object as Subject: Photographs of the Czech Avant-Garde," ahead-of-their-time photography from Czech artists, through Feb. 7. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, phillipscollection.org.

Project 4 Gallery: "Cornelia Schulz," paintings from the San Fransisco artist play with color and the shape of the can-

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vas, through Jan. 23. 1353 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Renwick Gallery:

"Staged Stories: Renwick Craft Invitational 2009," Ceramic and fiber is pushed limits of functionality, through Sun. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-2850, americanart.si.edu/renwick.

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LAST CHANCE The Textile Museum:

"Recent Acquisitions," the top new additions to the museum, through Sun.;
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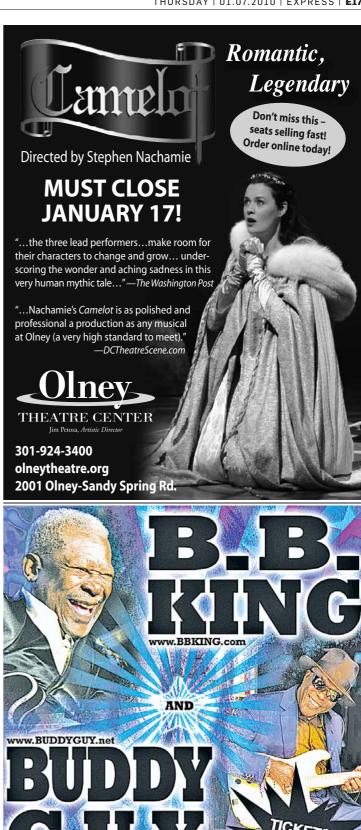
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Camelot: The Tony Award-winning musical about knights, love and betrayal, through Jan. 17, \$26-\$49. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

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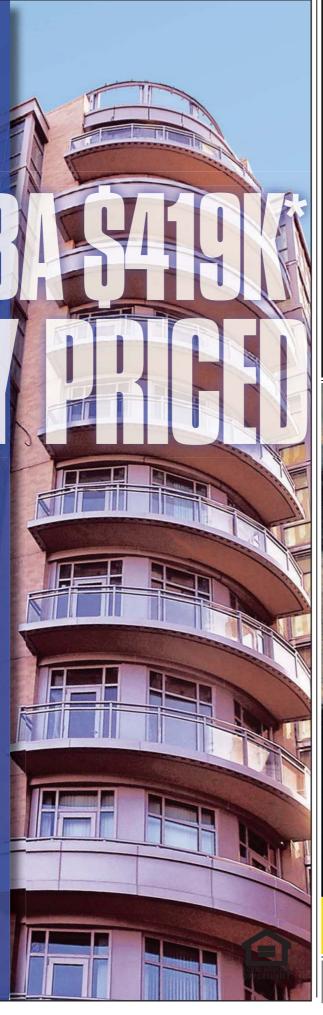
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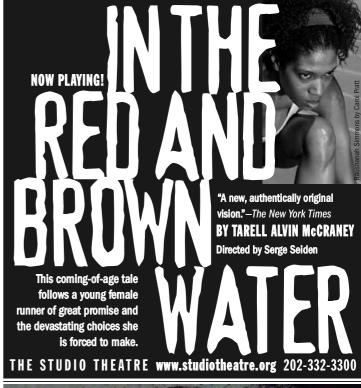
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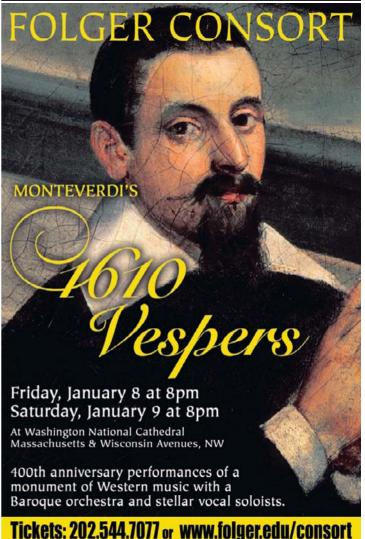
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The Last Cargo Cult: Insight and humor star in satirist Mike Daisey's monologue about South Pacific islanders awe of American stuff, through Feb. 7, \$25-\$30. Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939, woollymammoth.net.

LAST CHANCE Mulan: China gets saved with the help of a plucky girl and her pet dragon in Imagination Stage's rendering of the Disney classic, through Sun., \$10-\$21. 4908 Auburn Ave. Bethesda; 301-718-9521, imaginationstage.org.

Rent: The musical look into the troubles and struggles of a group of young New York bohemians is presented by Keegan Theatre, through Jan. 17, \$30-\$35. Church Street Theater, 1742 Church St. NW; 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

LAST CHANCE The Screwtape Let-

ters: Get inside the mind of the devil with this fiery adaptation of C.S. Lewis' book, through Jan. 17, \$29-\$49. Lansburgh Theatre, 450 7th St. NW; 887-487-8849, screwtapeonstage.com.

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LAST CHANCE The Solid Gold Cadil-

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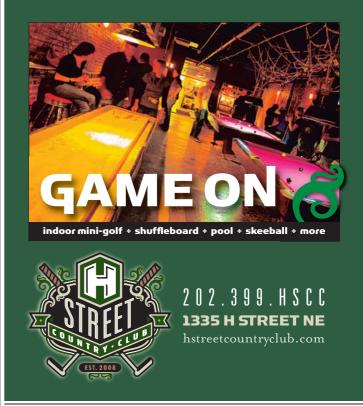
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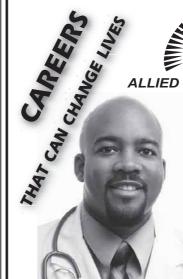
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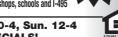


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Broadcast Muse



Agent of Change

You know that nervous feeling when you've been apart from a dear pal and a reunion is coming. Like, what if we don't click? That's the dilemma facing TV viewers in January, as old faves return after a hiatus. Will "Big Love" be as weirdly loveable? Will "24" still make your heart monitor beat faster?



"American Idol" -Paula Abdul + Ellen DeGeneres = ???

And then there's "Chuck," whose fans fought to forestall cancellation. The hero is an endearing nerd who became a bumbling

spy after a computer dumped secrets into his brain. (P.S. An NIH scientist told me this could not happen in real life, Sad.)

At its best, the show juggles spy spoofery, genuine chills, geek jokes and unfulfilled love. Only at the end of Season 2, Chuck got a new brain boost granting kung fu powers. His romance seemed due to bud. Reboots like this can wreck a show. Indeed, the Season 3 premiere, on Sunday, has an off-putting start. There is a confusing plot. There is an unappealing beard. There are way too many cheese balls. Yet everyone ends up where they ought to be. The NBC show returns to its regular timeslot Jan. 11. Chuck, you are still my Monday at 8 TV date.

A Monstrous 'Animal'

Ke\$ha's debut album is packed with trite lyrics and beastly, unbearable beats

If you need just one reason to blow off white-girl rapper Ke\$ha's debut album, "Animal," then take another look at her name and the dollar sign in it.

Need more? Then suffer through "Animal." After that, you'll most likely swear off the aspiring pop star for good.

Ke\$ha's single, "TiK ToK," hit No. 1 on the Jan. 2 Billboard chart, making it the first top-seated song of the new year, and her 14-track debut offers up the same kind of annoyingly immature, deeply irritating and horrendously repetitive bunk. With far too many songs about getting trashed and being obsessively infatuated with guys (most of whom wear "tight rocker jeans" and have disdainful girlfriends), the album is defined by Ke\$ha's poor rhymes and unbearably frustrating electronica beats.

Sure, Ke\$ha - whose real name, Kesha Rose Sebert, is far more bearable — co-wrote every track on "Animal," but is that really something to brag about? Among other things, the album's lyrics encourage party-goers to "lose your clothes in the



Ke\$ha

crowd," command boys to "stop talking" so she can get naked faster, and use the phrase "hot mess" far too often. Both the album's party songs and ballad-attempts suffer from amateur songwriting and structural choices, and the result is a solid 50-minute wall of inadequacy.

If you're looking for any

redeeming qualities at all in

"Animal," give up. Even the songs that follow the formula of "TiK ToK" are excruciatingly bad, as seen best in "Blah Blah Blah," a track featuring emoelectronica duo 3OH!3, the dudes behind that wildly offensive "Shush girl, shut your lips/Do the Helen Keller/And talk with your hips" line from the hit single "Don't Trust Me." From the embarrassingly trite lyrics to the "Nintendo"-like beat, the song is a brain-numbingly infuriating example of how bad Ke\$ha can be. Blah blah blah, indeed.

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True Story

Proud of Her Naughty Self

If there's one person who can't find fault with her shallow sentiment-filled, Autotune-overloaded album, it's Miss Ke\$ha herself. In fact, the wannabe diva seems proud that the liquor-soaked accounts of partying and excess are actually real accounts. "I'm excited about it because it kind of accurately documents my life over the past four years," she told MTV News. "It's all really honest." (EXPRESS)







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Winter Fuel

Stav in and serve yourself a heapin' helpin' of 'Meatballs'

DVD Review

With the holiday season behind us and more freezing days ahead, many of us already are desperate for ammunition in the annual



fight against the winter doldrums. Enter, thankfully, "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs," the relentlessly delightful animated film that brings a much-

needed burst of gleeful, spaghetti-storming whimsy today to DVD (\$29 single-disc edition, \$35 twodisc edition) and Blu-ray (\$40 for Blu-ray/DVD combo pack).

Based loosely on the 1978 children's book by Judi and Ron Barret, the story depicts the wondrous delights (and inevitable disaster) that come to the island of Swallow Falls when inventor Flint Lockwood (voice of Bill Hader) creates a machine that lets it rain an array of taste sensations — pancakes! cheeseburgers! donuts, with sprinkles! — upon the ever-hungry populace.

The two-disc DVD and the Bluray editions make a point of celebrating all that food-flurrying fun. Both versions come with Flint's Food Fight Game, a diversion that's sort of a cross between Asteroids and Space Invaders, with pieces



Flint Lockwood, voiced by Bill Hader. goes outside with his mouth open wide.

of pie and burgers subbing in for the encroaching aliens. A series of progression reels smartly and succinctly allow visual effects supervisor Rob Bredow to demonstrate the layers of artwork and computer trickery involved in making the movie's storm clouds look convincing. And exclusively on the Blu-ray, fans will find the totally unnecessary but nonetheless addictive "splat mode," a feature that allows viewers to hit a button and sling animated eggs, cupcakes, meatballs and pie all over the screen.

As for the less expensive, single-disc DVD, it boasts only a baitand-switch piece with the enticing title "Make It Rain Food!" and the reasonably engaging commentary track with directors Christopher Miller and Phil Lord, as well as Hader. Not a bad option if you're trying to pinch pennies. But if not, consider succumbing to the temptation to wallow in splat mode. JEN CHANEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Beauty Battles the Beasts: Sharon Stone will soon be fighting crime in a guest role on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit." The Oscar-nominated actress will appear on the NBC cop drama in a fourepisode story arc later this season, says a spokeswoman for producer Dick Wolf, Stone, best known for her films "Basic Instinct" and "Casino," will play a cop turned prosecutor. (AP)

TV tonight lookout

Best Bets

8:00



CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Langston and the CSI team are called to three different crime scenes in one night, believing at first that the incidents are unrelated — until the forensic evidence at each scene reveals a common link.



Bones The remains of an Amish youth are discovered, and Brennan and Booth discover the youngster was a brilliant pianist. Now they need to determine whether his death might be connected to his gift.



The Real Housewives of Orange County Capping a stormy year, Vicki Gunvalson has a romantic surprise for her hubby, Donn. Meanwhile, Tamra Barney argues with her husband. Simon, over whether she should let Gretchen back into her life.



CBS 10:00

The Mentalist Jane and Lisbon and the rest of the CBI team encounter one of California's most dangerous motorcycle gangs while investigating the death of an attorney who had the bikers as his only client. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



The Famous Doctor Is In

Now in its third season, this series chronicles the doctor as he counsels the well-known or notorious through detox, withdrawal and rehab. This time around his ward welcomes Mackenzie Phillips, Heidi Fleiss, Tom Sizemore, Den-

nis Rodman, Mindy McCready, Lisa D'Amato, Mike Starr and Joey Kovar. Kevin McDonough (United Feature Syndicate)

Business



Big Money, Little Package

"Planet of the Apps: A Hand-Held Revolution" (10 p.m., CNBC) examines the business of developing and marketing applications for iPhones, smartphones and other handheld devices. Like many technology boomlets, the "apps" business has a gold-rush feel about it. "Planet" visits with entrepreneurs and explains how difficult it can be to turn a profit in this field. (к.м.)

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can expect a disruption to be only temporary. Once this trouble has passed, you can be back on track in little time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Distractions are welcome early in the day, but once you have decided on a clear course of action, you'll want to remain focused.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The simpler you can communicate, the better. There's no reason to overcomplicate that which is complicated enough.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can combine business and pleasure in a new and original way, but always be sure that your intentions are clear.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Saving energy can be the key to a successful day - and week. Know when it's time to give yourself a break and take care of yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Some may be eager to follow your lead, and others more resistant. You'll do what you must and let others decide for themselves.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's one thing to have strong opinions, and it's another altogether to criticize the opinions of others. Embrace one; avoid the other.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll find that a little seclusion serves you well as you attempt to make sense of a complicated personal issue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll want to have things ready as quickly as possible so that you can make the strongest possible start when the time comes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You needn't fear anything new at this time. Ultimately, you'll have some important choices to make, but for now you can explore all options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Start slowly, and let momentum build organically throughout the day. The moment you begin forcing things, trouble begins as well.



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Yesterday's Solution

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C ₃ O ₁ W ₄ B ₃ O ₁ Y ₄	RACK 3 =	16
S ₁ U ₁ L ₁ F ₄ A ₁ T ₁ E ₁	RACK 4 =	61
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ACROSS

- 1 Farmer's cart
- 5 Place to buy or sell
- 9 Lollobrigida and Gershon
- 14 Boxer's wrap
- 15 Suffix with "stink" or "switch"
- 16 Thin and piping, as music
- 17 Prayer ender
- 18 Jungle monarch
- 19 "Crocodile Hunter" Steve
- 20 Hollywood product
- 23 Bursa, for one
- 24 Source of a sauce
- 25 Ariz. neighbor
- 27 Black-eyed ____ (flower)
- 30 Bikes
- 33 Mid-afternoon drink
- 36 Peaceful state
- 38 ___ of Sandwich
- 39 Hunter among the stars
- 41 "Look inside" abbr.
- 42 Japanese immigrant to America
- 43 Like some mattresses
- 44 Sweepers
- 46 "Hooray!" preceder, when repeated
- 47 "That's cheating!"
- 49 Cause of swelling. perhaps
- 51 Non-major-studio movie
- 53 After-dinner party
- 57 The entirety
- 59 Vision aid
- 62 "__ __ Little Help From My Friends"
- 64 Ancient wrap
- 65 High-tech cassette recording media
- 66 Middle Eastern ruler (Var.)
- 67 Last month of the Jewish calendar
- 68 "God's Little __
- 69 Acted boldly
- 70 Casting requirement?
- 71 Charon's domain

1 Player selection process 2 Juliet's love

3 Ninety degrees from fore-and-aft

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- 4 Meddlers
- 5 Place on TV?
- 6 Auto racer Luyendyk 7 Mansard, for one
- 8 Mixer with vodka
- 9 In a dreary way 10 Comparative suffix
- 11 TV program
- interruption 12 Sarah McLachlan hit
- 13 In ___ (working in
- harmony)
- 21 Toll plaza taboo 22 Tatting outcome
- 26 Frosts, as a cake
- 28 Impersonator
- 29 Baby admonitions

- 31 "... ___ saw Elba"
- 32 Marina space
- 33 Meat substitute
- 34 A name for Ireland
- 35 Car maintenance item 37 Groundskeeper Willie,
- for one

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- 40 Gulf or country
- 42 "Once ___ Enough" 44 Con ___ (with vigor, in
- music)
- 45 Bidder's error
- 48 Proof of employment
- 50 Radner and others
- 52 Oft-used computer key 54 Acknowledge a
- stimulus 55 Reference-book
- inclusion 56 Elizabeth's favorite

- 57 Spellbound
 - 58 South American capital
 - 60 Lacquered metalware
 - 61 Chills and fever fit
 - 63 Part of a giggle

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Today in History

Astronomer Galileo Galilei sees four of Jupiter's moons.

The first U.S. presidential

Vietnamese forces capture

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the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government after its four years in power.

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GENDER DIFFERENCES

Tween Boys Doomed to Two Hours of Eyerolling

A successful canned food drive has won students at a Lido Beach, N.Y., middle school a concert by Justin Bieber. The 15-year-old singer will perform sometime in February. The Long Island school will be locked down for the student-only concert. In November, police shut down an event featuring Bieber when a crowd of 3,000 young girls and adults began pushing and shoving. (AP)

DEPRESSING

Farrah Fawcett's Son In Jail Again for Drugs

Redmond O'Neal, son of Ryan O'Neal and the late Farrah Fawcett, was back in jail after he committed a drugrelated probation violation. O'Neal appeared Tuesday at a hearing after being jailed on Dec. 29. He was released from jail last year after a series of drug-related arrests. O'Neal will remain in custody until he returns to court on Feb. 2. (AP)



Redmond O'Neal has been attending an intense drug-treatment program.



AILING

Gary Coleman OK After Hospitalization in L.A.

Gary Coleman is in a Los Angeles hospital for tests. His agent, Robert Malcolm, says the 41-year-old actor began feeling unwell on Wednesday and was taken by ambulance to a hospital.

Malcolm says tests were negative and the actor was alert and feeling fine but may remain hospitalized overnight before returning to his Utah home.

Coleman has undergone two kidney transplants. (AP)



Mariah is so loopy that holding this newspaper will give you a contact high.

DOWNWARD SPIRALS

Ha Ha! Ha? Huh?

Mariah Carey amused audiences at the Palm Springs International Film Festival awards on Tuesday with her lengthy acceptance speech after being named Breakthrough Actress for "Precious." At the podium, she said, "Please forgive me, because I'm a little bit, um ..." An audience member finished the sentence for her with an obscenity, to which Carey replied, "Yeah!" She then rambled, giggled and applauded until she finally left the stage. (AP)

Siblings



Sister Enjoys One Second of Fame

Kendall Jenner — half-sister of Kim, Khloe and Kourtney Kardashian — has been signed by Wilhelmina Modeling Agency, Usmagazine.com reported. This follows a stint modeling for Forever 21. Jenner's news was immediately upstaged by Khloe Kardashian saying she wants to have a baby. (EXPRESS)

"It's good to have hair again. I know this will be more upkeep than my old look, but I'm ready for it."



- KATE GOSSE-LIN, WHO SPENT 20 HOURS LAST WEEK HAVING HAIR EXTEN-SIONS ATTACHED TO HER NOW-INFAMOUS "REVERSE MULLET"

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